

of Ordination from the Presbytery of Ayr;—all of which were read. Mr. Grant was then cordially welcomed as a Probationer within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Mr. McMillan reported that he had kept the appointment for the 2nd day of September at Truro. The Rev. Mr. McCunn then entered, and was invited to sit and deliberate with the Court.

The following appointments were made for the next two months:—Rev. C. M. Grant to supply Salmon River and Truro on the 7th October; North River and Truro on the 14th; St. Andrews, Halifax, from the 21st October till the end of November; and Richmond on the 2nd and 9th of December.

Rev. G. M. Grant was appointed to arrange supplies for St. Andrews, Halifax, for the 7th and 14th October, and Mr. McMillan to preach there on the 2nd day of December.

The Clerk was directed to write to the Reverend the Presbytery of Pictou,—to mention the arrangements made by the Court as to the supply of the vacant stations within its bounds,—and respectfully but earnestly to request that Reverend Court to transfer the Rev. Messrs. Gordon and Fraser, or at least one of them, to the Presbytery of Halifax, also, to intimate that in the event of their not complying with this request, not only will the congregation of Truro receive very imperfect supply, but the other important stations within the bounds, such as Richmond and Lawrencetown, will have to be left almost, if not altogether, vacant.

The Court then adjourned to meet on the first Wednesday of December, at 3 o'clock, P. M. Closed with prayer.

JOHN McMILLAN, Clerk, *pro tem.*

Sabbath School Report.

WE have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a document which very seldom,—at least in connection with the workings of the Church within the bounds of our Synod,—finds its way into the hands of the people. The Sabbath School Report to which we refer is from the Superintendent and Teachers of St. Matthew's Sabbath School, Halifax, and gives a statement of the condition of the School, as well as that of the two mission schools in the suburbs of the city, conducted by the Teachers' Association—a union of St. Matthew's and St. Andrew's—during the past six years. The following table, made up to the 30th Sept. in each year, exhibits the number of Teachers and Scholars on the roll, with the average attendance, and the amount contributed by the congregation to defray working expenses:

| | No. of T. | Av. at. | No. of S. | Av. at. | Coll. |
|------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|
| 1861 | 24 | 18 | 127 | 80 | \$71.00 |
| 1862 | 24 | 19 | 130 | 80 | 70.25 |
| 1863 | 25 | 23 | 169 | 108 | 50.00 |
| 1864 | 29 | 27 | 242 | 170 | 89.25 |
| 1865 | 32 | 30 | 261 | 173 | 82.49 |
| 1866 | 35 | 34 | 300 | 210 | 61.00 |

The money thus contributed is "spent on hymn books, catechisms, printed schemes of lessons, useful periodicals (which are given gratuitously to all the scholars), and to replenish the library from time to time." The scholars themselves, by a weekly collection, raise a sum of about \$140 annually, which is devoted to very useful and praiseworthy objects, such as "Colportage in the County, a Ragged School in the city, and to the support of a native agent in the South Seas." The Report also states that an amount equal to that mentioned in the table, is given every year for the summer pic-nic and the New Year's day fete.

With respect to the two district schools, situated respectively at Richmond and the North West Arm, the Report presents the following statistics:—

1ST. RICHMOND.

| | No. of T. | Av. at. | No. of S. | Av. at. |
|------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| 1861 | 7 | 5 | 32 | 18 |
| 1862 | 7 | 6 | 28 | 16 |
| 1863 | 11 | 9 | 70 | 42 |
| 1864 | 15 | 12 | 106 | 77 |
| 1865 | 16 | 13 | 120 | 78 |
| 1866 | 18 | 17 | 143 | 101 |

2ND. NORTH WEST ARM.

| | No. of T. | Av. at. | No. of S. | Av. at. |
|------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| 1861 | 5 | 4 | 37 | 27 |
| 1862 | 5 | 4 | 31 | 17 |
| 1863 | 10 | 8 | 45 | 34 |
| 1864 | 6 | 5 | 25 | 20 |
| 1865 | 6 | 5 | 40 | 24 |
| 1866 | 6 | 5 | 40 | 24 |

"These schools pay their own working expenses. It will be noticed that the North West Arm School seems stationary, while the Richmond one has increased wonderfully. The chief, perhaps the sole reason for this difference is, that we have no building at the Arm suited for the purpose, and have to use a room in a mill fitted up and given to us by the Messrs. Hosterman, whereas at Richmond the Association three or four years ago erected a handsome Mission school, which we now use. We are very anxious to put up a similar building at the Arm, and have procured an excellent site, and \$500 of subscriptions; but we cannot proceed until an equal amount additional is placed at our disposal."

This interesting Report is submitted by

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Cape Breton Disputes.

THE Committees of the Church of Scotland and of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, appointed to settle disputes regarding Church property in Cape Breton, met in Halifax on the 24th ult. The subjoined minutes of the Joint Committee will show the result of their deliberations. It is